

## California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Valley Region

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ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY COMPLAINT R5-2008-0572 FOR ASSESSMENT OF MANDATORY MINIMUM PENALTIES, CITY OF ROSEVILLE, DRY CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, PLACER COUNTY

Enclosed is an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint (Complaint), issued pursuant to California Water Code (CWC) section 13385, for violations of Waste Discharge Requirements 5-00-164 (NPDES No. CA0079503) by the City of Roseville, Dry Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (Discharger). The Complaint charges the Discharger with civil liability in the amount of sixty-three thousand dollars (\$63,000), for Mandatory Minimum Penalties (MMPs) for effluent limitation violations which occurred from 1 January 2001 through 31 December 2007.

On 25 June 2008, the Assistant Executive Officer issued Administrative Civil Liability Complaint R5-2008-0544 which contained MMPs that totaled \$96,000. The Discharger responded, and demonstrated that a number of the violations tabulated in the initial complaint were included in error. Therefore, this Complaint rescinds and replaces the previously-issued Administrative Civil Liability Complaint R5-2008-0544.

Pursuant to CWC section 13323, the Discharger may:

- Pay the assessed civil liability and waive its right to a hearing before the Central Valley
  Water Board by signing the enclosed waiver (checking off the box next to item #4) and
  submitting it to this office by 17 October 2008, along with payment for the full amount;
- Agree to enter into settlement discussions with the Central Valley Water Board and request that any hearing on the matter be delayed by signing the enclosed waiver (checking off the box next to item #5) and submitting both this waiver and a letter describing the issues to be discussed to this office by 17 October 2008; or
- Contest the Complaint and/or enter into settlement discussions with the Central Valley Water Board without signing the enclosed waiver.

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If the Discharger chooses to sign the waiver and pay the assessed civil liability, this will be considered a tentative settlement of the violations in the Complaint. This settlement will be considered final pending a 30-day period, starting from the date of this Complaint, during which time interested parties may comment on this action by submitting information to this office, attention Barry Hilton. Should the Central Valley Water Board receive new information or comments during this comment period, the Central Valley Water Board's Assistant Executive Officer may withdraw the Complaint, return payment, and issue a new Complaint.

If the Central Valley Water Board does not receive a signed waiver within 30 days of the date of this Complaint (by 17 October 2008), then a hearing will be scheduled for the 4/5 December 2008 Central Valley Water Board meeting in Rancho Cordova. If a hearing on this matter is held, the Central Valley Water Board will consider whether to issue, reject, or modify a proposed Administrative Civil Liability Order, or whether to refer the matter to the Attorney General for recovery of judicial civil liability. Modification of a proposed Administrative Civil Liability Order may include increasing the dollar amount of the assessed civil liability. Specific notice about this hearing and its procedures will be provided under separate cover.

Any comments or evidence concerning the enclosed Complaint must be submitted to this office, attention Barry Hilton, **no later than 5 p.m. on 17 October 2008**. This includes material submitted by the Discharger to be considered at a hearing and material submitted by interested parties, including members of the public, who wish to comment on the proposed settlement. If the Central Valley Water Board does not hold a hearing on the matter, and the terms of the final settlement are not significantly different from those proposed in the enclosed Complaint, then there will not be additional opportunities for public comment on the proposed settlement. Written materials received after **5 p.m. on 17 October 2008** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Administrative Civil Liability Complaint, please contact Barry Hilton at (916) 464-4762 or Patricia Leary at (916) 445-4623.

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Enclosure: ACLC R5-2008-0572

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